

The Federal Communications Commission

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

First you broke up Ma Bell, which resulted in higher phone bills, lousy service, and some areas getting more benefits than others because the competitors each took a share of the country. I can get things in Illinois that are unavailable to my son in Virginia. Now you're going to raise taxes on top of the already indecent costs for phone service. I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as high-volume residential or business customers. And high-volume residential customers will be paying outrageous rates for their usage. This is unfair on both counts!

I use my wireless for safety, security, and convenience outside my home. I use my land-land at home because it is now and probably always will be cheaper than my wireless. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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